GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:546
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CONTRIBUTION OF SSI SECTOR
BHAWANA GAWALI (PATIL);HARIBHAU MAHALE

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) the contribution of the Small Scale Industries sector in the matter of export, employment generation and in gross industrial production;

(b) the details of the existing policy of the Government in this regard; and

(c) the extent to which the above policy has proved to be helpful in developing and strengthening the said sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT ATTACHED TO REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 546 FOR REPLY ON 25.04.2001

(a) The contribution of the Small Scale Industries (SSIs) sector is estimated at 35% of total exports, employment of 177.50 lakh persons and 39.53% of total industrial production in 1999-2000.

(b) The present policy of the Government is to impart greater vitality and growth impetus to the SSI Sector to enable it to contribute fully to the economy, particularly in terms of growth of exports, employment and output. In addition, a comprehensive policy package for Small Scale Industries (SSI) and Tiny Sector was announced on 30th August, 2000 to strengthen the small scale sector and enhance its competitiveness both domestically and globally. The policy package inter-alia includes easier access to credit, availability of collateral free composite loans upto Rs. 25.00 lakhs, capital subsidy for technological upgradation and improved infrastructure.

(c) The policy measures taken by the Government have helped the SSI sector to maintain sustained rate of growth, contribute significantly to the growth of output, generate employment, earn foreign exchange and become globally competitive.